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## LATEST NEWS IN LOUISIANA

**Mother and Boy Burn to Death While  
Father is Digging Grave.**

**TAFT GIVEN A GRAND OVATION**

**Four Business Houses Destroyed By  
Fire—Loss \$8,000.**

**Government Building and Free Mail  
Delivery Assured.**

The state veterinary examiners had 74 applicants before them at their last meeting.

Governor Sanders inspected the Southern University farm last week and said it would have to be made self-supporting or be sold.

The Louisiana State University band is practicing for the annual trip to New Orleans, when the cadets will take part in the carnival parade.

Judge Brunot at Baton Rouge held that saloons within 500 feet air-line of a church or schoolhouse within the provisions of the Co-Shattuck law, and instructed judgments accordingly.

Alexandria.—An unfortunate accident occurred here in which the 12-year-old daughter of Turner Goldman of Spring Creek, had one of her legs crushed by the trolley engine of the Rapides Lumber Company, which struck her.

Lake Charles.—Ground has been acquired at Kinder by a company headed by J. Alton Foster, manager of the Lake Charles rice mill, for a rice mill to be built in time for the coming season. The mill will have 600 barrels daily capacity and will cost \$50,000. Citizens of Kinder donated the site and guaranteed freedom from taxation for ten years.

Monroe.—W. H. Christian, depot agent for the Iron Mountain at Riverton, is missing and along with him the company's money and everything that could be converted into money. Christian was checked into the office about a week ago and the last seen of him was in Monroe Saturday night. He has two blank express money orders and took a coupon ticket. The American Safety Company was on his bond for \$1,000.

Beaumont, Tex.—Belated news has reached here from Floren, La., to the effect that Mrs. R. Salter and her four-year-old son Hoyt, were burned to death seven miles from that place. While playing with fire Sunday the little fellow's clothing became ignited and in her efforts to save her boy her mother's dress caught fire. Both were so badly burned that they died in fearful agony. The father was away from home at the time digging a grave.

Alexandria.—The Alexandria broom factory, of which A. Broussard and G. P. Gremillion are the promoters, expects to begin operations between the first and second of next month. The factory will be located on Monroe street. The machinery will begin to arrive within the next few days. The promoters are also contracting for the planting and harvesting of broom corn in large quantities.

Baton Rouge.—The reports received here from the surrounding sugar cane territory is to the effect that the recent cold weather did no damage to the cane crop. The ground was not from deep enough to do harm, and the planters report that the eyes of the stubble are in perfect condition. Even the second year's stubble is in a good state of preservation. A majority of the cane planters will finish planting their crop this next week. Many have already finished, and as a rule, in this section the farmers have increased the cane acreage and cut down the acreage that in the past was grown in cotton, on account of the boll weevil.

Baton Rouge.—That there were possibly as many as nine hundred teachers in Louisiana teaching without the necessary certificates from the state department is revealed by the report which has been received by the department of education from twenty-five parishes, showing that 417 teachers took the examination. Superintendent Harris has announced that every person who teaches in Louisiana public schools must have a certificate. Mr. Harris is making up the February quarterly appointment to the schools. The appointment will be based on \$1.35 for each educable child. Mr. Harris is also making up the checks for the sixteenth school fund money to be sent to the different parishes.

Plaquemine.—This section is experiencing the longest drought that it has seen for many years at this time of the year, as rain has not fallen here for the last five weeks. Cisterns are running dry, and should there be another week of dry weather many acres of land will remain unbroken until it rains, which will set the field work backward for a few days. Several farmers devoted their time to planting cane last week, and complained that the seed is none too good.

Mansfield, La.—The storm on February 5 did considerable damage in the De Soto oil field. Two derricks belonging to the Gullett Oil Company were blown down, and the machinery damaged to the extent of about \$1,000. Work is being pushed vigorously on two wells, one of which is producing considerable gas and a small quantity of oil. The indications are so favorable that it is now little trouble to induce speculators to invest in the stock of the company.

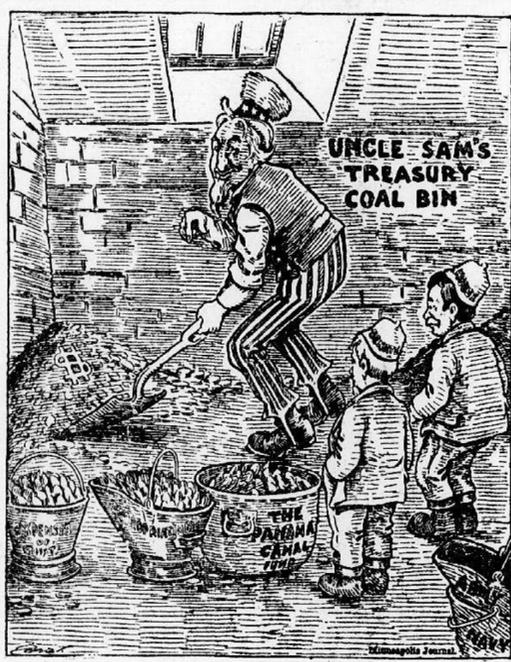
Monroe.—Bastrop was visited by a disastrous fire. Four business houses were completely destroyed, the Bastrop State Bank building damaged and for a time the whole town threatened. The fire department deserves great credit for the fight they put up, as their work no doubt saved the balance of the town. The fire started at about 1:30 and originated in the building belonging to L. E. Bentley, and occupied by the New York racket store, of which A. L. Britton is the proprietor. The Friedham building, occupied by the National Packing Company as a meat warehouse, was destroyed, as was the building owned and occupied by R. L. Thomas, a grocery store and butcher shop, and the building of A. Domino, occupied by him as a grocery store and fruit stand. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss will reach about \$8,000, with a partial insurance.

Winnfield.—Postmaster Eagles has received a letter from Assistant Supervising Architect Charles E. Kemfree, at Washington, D. C., saying that a bill had been introduced in the House of Representatives making appropriation for a government building in Winnfield. Inquiries were made as to the space required for a postoffice, the location of a corner lot for the erection of such a building near the business center of the city and other data. Such a building has become a necessity to handle the mails. The postoffice business is increasing rapidly, and the receipts growing each month. This office will soon reach a second-class position. The receipts have grown from \$664.98 in 1908 to \$791.43 in 1909 for January. A rural route will be established here April 1. The town has reached the proportions that entitle it to free delivery, with the houses numbered and streets designated. These facilities have been discussed for some time.

Baton Rouge.—The approaching adoption of the school books in Louisiana has brought out a large crop of Louisiana school book authors. There are six Louisiana authors who have submitted books to the State Board of Education for adoption in Louisiana. Some have had their books on the market in the past, and others have just issued their books and placed them before the state board. The Louisiana authors who have submitted books to the state board for adoption are: Col. J. W. Nicholson of Baton Rouge, series of mathematics; Miss Grace King, New Orleans, history of Louisiana; J. B. Aswell, State Normal School, spellers; Miss Agnes Morris, State Normal, civil government; Mrs. Hattie F. Magruder, Baton Rouge, history of Louisiana; H. E. Chambers, New Orleans, history of United States. Four years ago the State Board of Education took the position that the primary book to be considered was the merit of the book offered, but that all other things being equal, preference would be given to Louisiana authors. Whether this position will be taken this year remains to be seen.

New Orleans.—William Howard Taft of Ohio, who on Wednesday was officially declared president-elect of the United States, arrived in New Orleans for the third time in his life Thursday afternoon, this time being greeted in a manner thoroughly in keeping with the exalted dignity he is soon to assume. The president-elect and his party were landed from the cruiser by the General Newton at the head of Canal street, and there the parade formation was taken up. The parade was an imposing one and very creditable. It was a splendid triumphal march for Mr. Taft through the principal streets of New Orleans, and gave the enthusiastic citizens an opportunity to pay their popular tribute to the big man from Ohio. The public greeting at the City Hall was splendidly managed, and Mr. Taft had an opportunity to speak without interruption, except for the great applause which punctuated his remarks every now and then. Mayor Behrman was singularly happy in his greeting, and Mr. Taft's reply, though short, was full of meat. He responded feelingly to the greeting, then discussed the purpose of the trip to Panama, announcing that the board of engineers, who had gone with him, found the work to be good and the plans for the future satisfactory. He turned a joke on the mayor's suggestion to allow the people of New Orleans to make his cabinet for him, and concluded by paying a tribute to the hospitality of New Orleans and the good nature of the crowds.

Grand Cane.—In the near future the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company will erect a handsome passenger depot at this place. The present building, which is a combination passenger and freight depot, will be moved about sixty feet north and the new structure will be erected where the old one now stands. The old building will be remodeled and used for a freight depot and also for a warehouse for Roadmaster W. G. Kelley's supplies. The company is having work done south of here on the depot at Cypress and Marthaville.



Uncle Sam—Say, Boys, Got to Hold Down Those Fires a Little Till This Bin Fills Up Some.

## SMITH SENT UP FOR LIFE

**JUDGE BUCKLEY OVERRULES  
MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL.**

Miss Estelle Smith Was Crushed and Bobbed Bitterly When the Verdict Was Rendered.

Columbus, Miss.—Life imprisonment in the penitentiary is all that awaits Charles R. Smith, the wealthy Lowndes county planter, who killed Eugene A. Laurent, of Nashville, at Artesia, Miss., unless the Supreme Court of Mississippi changes the sentence pronounced by Judge John L. Buckley upon the noted defendant Friday afternoon, after overruling the motion for a new trial.

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty as charged, but disagree as to the punishment," was the verdict when returned by the jury. Judge Buckley thanked the jurors for their attention to all evidence and arguments presented them regarding the case, and discharged them forthwith. The verdict was received in quietude by every one. The defendant did not change his expression in the slightest. His interest did not seem to be at any tension.

Miss Estelle Smith, the daughter who has been dragged into the tragedy, who has borne bravely everything that has been said concerning her, was perhaps the most crushed by the verdict. She tried hard to stay a flow of tears, but it seemed as though she wanted to lend just one more helping hand to a convicted father, and was trying to help him bear his fate. She raised her veil and sobbed bitterly, convulsively, yet silently.

## THE BLUE AND GRAY UNITE

Notables Participate in Lincoln Exercises at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga.—Veterans of the opposing armies in the great conflict between the States—those who wore the gray as well as those who wore the blue—joined in paying honor to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. Exercises commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the martyred president, held in the Trinity Methodist Church, were participated in by the members of O. M. Mitchell Post No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic; United Confederate Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans and members of the United States Army.

Rev. James W. Lee, D. D., pastor of Trinity Church and a native Georgian, delivered the address of the evening. Dr. Lee's touching tribute to Lincoln brought tears to the eyes of the immense audience. At the close of the exercises the audience, led by the prominent veterans of the two armies present, joined in singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

**LIQUOR MEN LOSE.**

Express Companies Do Not Have to Perform C. O. D. Services.

Washington.—That express companies are not to be compelled to perform "C. O. D." service for the liquor traffic, was held by the interstate commerce commission in the case of the Royal Express Company against the Adams Express Company. The express company had established a rule against collecting for shippers the purchase price of intoxicating liquors.

## TAFT DAY AT NEW ORLEANS

President-Elect Is Honored Guest at Creole Feast.

New Orleans, La.—President-elect Taft breathed the distinctive atmosphere of New Orleans hospitality Friday. With the shades of evening there gathered about him at the banquet board a genial host, multiplied by eminence, rank and distinction. The entertainment feature was a Creole banquet, where the fattened oysters, the savoriness of the cuisine, with its hundreds of years of perfection and reputation blended with the honeyed words of compliment and oratory, music and floral tributes into a scene of animation and vivacity, tempered with respect and dignity. Mr. Taft was toasted by the governor, the mayor, by citizens of prominence and speakers of reputation.

Mr. Taft responded in the spirit of the occasion. He talked of his desire as the chief executive to represent the whole nation, and of his intention to make the representatives of the administration in the South represent the best element of the communities in which they lived.

## WILL PAY FINE IN COIN.

Oil Company to Give Texas \$1,700,000 in Silver.

Galveston, Tex.—General Manager W. S. Hancock, of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, makes the announcement that his company will pay the fine of \$1,700,000 imposed by Texas in its trust prosecution in silver coins. He says the money will be shipped in silver dollars, and the State will be given as much trouble as possible for having penalized the corporation.

It will require three express cars to transport the money from St. Louis to Austin, and will take one expert money handler 35 days to count the coins.

## STATE WHOLESALING BOOZE

Oklahoma Is Selling Confiscated Wet Goods.

Guthrie, Okla.—The State of Oklahoma is a wholesaler of intoxicating liquors, and is selling to wholesalers in Kansas City and St. Louis the confiscated liquors which heretofore have been either sold through the State dispensaries, or if of inferior grade, dumped into sewers. Thus far three carloads of whisky, and one carload of rum, have been sold as above outlined, and another carload is ready for delivery.

After all costs of the confiscating are paid, one-half of the receipts of such sales go to the State's detectives making the raids and the other half into the good roads fund of the county where the goods are confiscated.

## RIOT CLAUSE UPHELD.

Insurance Cannot be Collected on Property Destroyed by Night Riders.

Frankfort, Ky.—Upholding the "riot clause" of insurance policies carried on tobacco and tobacco barns in Western Kentucky, the court of appeals today reversed the Caldwell circuit court in the cases of five fire insurance companies against the Imperial Tobacco Company of Kentucky. The effect of this opinion is that no recovery of insurance can be made by owners of such tobacco and barns where fire and destroyed by night riders.

## WIND AND WEATHER

MISSISSIPPI VISITED BY HIGH WIND AND HARD RAIN.

Vicksburg Damaged by a 60-Mile Gale—Worst Weather of Winter in Chicago.

Jackson, Miss.—A severe wind and rain storm struck this section during the early part of Sunday afternoon, following a close, dense atmosphere during the morning, with slow showers. For an hour the wind blew at a rate of about fifty miles an hour, accompanied by torrents of rain and a steadily lowering temperature.

From reports to hand, there was considerable damage elsewhere as a result of the storm, which appears to have been more severe below this point.

**HURRICANE HITS VICKSBURG.**

Scores of Houses Unroofed and Negro Cabins Wrecked.

Vicksburg, Miss.—A hurricane gale with a velocity of sixty miles an hour hit Vicksburg about 1:30 o'clock Sunday and played havoc with roofs and flimsy negro cabins. A score of frail shanties were demolished. In the down town district portions of roofs and business houses were blown off, and the soaking rain that followed did much water damage.

Telephone and telegraph wires were prostrated. Steamboat craft in the river harbor were terrifically lashed, but escaped with little damage. The gale blew direct from the northwest and for nearly thirty minutes whipped the city in spots. Many people were panic-stricken.

**CYCLONE VISITS STEPHENS.**

Twister Moved Path Through Town, Wrecking Buildings.

Stephens, Ark.—At 3 o'clock Sunday morning Stephens was swept by one of the worst cyclones that has ever visited this section of the State. Houses were twisted and blown down and unroofed, and great damage to property followed the storm as it tore its way through the town. The path of the cyclone was from 200 to 300 yards wide.

**ZERO WEATHER IN KANSAS.**

Traffic Tied Up on Account of Heavy Sleet.

Kansas City, Mo.—Zero weather and a nasty sleet and snow storm prevailed in the Southwest Sunday night. All over Kansas the fall of sleet was heavy, causing a delay to traffic and wire communication. In Oklahoma the storm began Saturday night with a rain, followed by a sudden drop of 48 degrees in temperature. Sleet and snow fell almost continuously for many hours. Railroad traffic is at a standstill in many places.

**WORST YET AT CHICAGO.**

Heavy Snow and Sleet Play Havoc with Traffic.

Chicago.—What appeared to be an ordinary winter storm of small proportions Sunday developed into the most troublesome and disagreeable period in the history of the Lake Michigan region. Telegraph and telephone communication between Chicago and the outside world was interrupted seriously by the heavy snow and sleet which covered the ground and made transportation next to impossible. The storm was accompanied by heavy sleet and snow, and the velocity of the wind added to the general discomfort and lack of transportation facilities.

Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana, Northern Ohio, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Southern Wisconsin were cut off from communication with the outside world early in the night.

**U. S. Blind Tiger.**

Newnan, Ga.—Charged with keeping whisky for the purpose of sale within the city, Judge W. B. W. Dent, United States commissioner, has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 by the mayor. Judge Dent pleaded not guilty when placed on trial. Five kegs of whisky were found in Judge Dent's possession, four in a warehouse, and one was taken to a boarding house. The judge said he was accustomed to his toddy, and fearing the prohibition movement might cut his supply off, he ordered enough to be safe.

**To Preach Own Funeral.**

Fairfield, Ill.—The voice of the Rev. Daniel Bassett Leach, who died at his home at Bone Gap, Ill., near here, will be heard over his own grave. A short time before he died the minister, who was almost 90 years old, had several of his short sermons and prayers placed on graphophone records in his house, and he requested that the records be used at his funeral, and his last request will be granted. He also had a benediction placed on the machine, and this will be the last of the records used over the grave.

**State Beats Telephone.**

Atlanta, Ga.—Following a recent decision of Judge Newman, denying the petition for injunction filed by the Western Union Telegraph Company to prevent the State from collecting tax upon its franchises, suits have been issued by Attorney-General Hart against the company to collect the tax for 1908. The tax is \$5,250. It is understood that the company will carry the case to the United States supreme court upon the ground that its franchise is national. The value of the franchise for 1908 has been assessed at about \$500,000.

## SOUTHERN CONGRESS WORK

Permanent Headquarters to Be in Washington.

Washington.—Managing Director G. Grosvenor Dawes, of the Southern Commercial Congress, who is here to establish permanent headquarters, said with reference to the objects of the congress and their relation to the South: "The South is the richest section in the country. Yet in a sense it is the poorest. It is the most fertile section and the one least understood. Now, our problem is to change the conditions so that every one will know the truth about the South and the South will benefit by it.

"The work we will do is a tremendous one. The efforts will be directed toward selected immigration; another group will be directed toward bringing a certain line of capital to develop a certain line of resources, and so on."

**WILL STUDY BOLL WEEVIL**

Entomological Laboratory to Be Established in Delta.

Washington.—The appropriation for the bureau of entomology was increased by the house in order to enable the department of agriculture to establish an entomological laboratory somewhere in the delta of Mississippi or Louisiana. It is the opinion of the chief of that bureau that the climatic conditions in those sections being so different from any under which the boll weevil has heretofore existed may develop new life and habits, and that a close study of these may be helpful in the effort now being made to discover some means for his destruction.

Dr. Howard, chief of the bureau, believes he has already discovered a parasite which will work havoc among the weevil, and as they continue their progress across the cotton states it is his opinion that the new parasites will continue to attack them. It is, therefore, necessary to be watchful, in order to discover these exterminating parasites when they appear.

**GEORGIA WHISKY MEN LOSE**

Will Have to Pay Rentals on Property Closed by Prohibition.

Atlanta, Ga.—Persons in Georgia who leased property at high figures for bar-room purposes, without so stipulating in their contract, must still pay high rentals, though bar-rooms have been closed by State-wide prohibition law, according to supreme court decision handed down Thursday.

The court holds that the passage of a law prohibiting the sale of whisky constitutes no abatement of the rent of property used for that purpose, unless it has been so stipulated in the rental contract.

The decision was made in the Albion Hotel case, from Augusta. The lessee refused to pay full rental after prohibition forced the closing of the hotel bar. The court holds that the fact that the lessee took the hotel, thinking he could continue the sale of whisky, does not entitle him to an abatement or diminution of the rent, since there was no covenant on the part of the landlord. Decision means landlords will collect thousands of dollars from whisky men whom the State put out of business.

**BISHOP HOSS RESTING EASY**

Will Be Operated on at Baltimore Infirmary.

Baltimore, Md.—Bishop E. E. Hoss, of Nashville, who arrived here Wednesday to undergo an operation at the Johns Hopkins Hospital for intestinal trouble, is resting easily. Upon the advice of Dr. Hugh H. Young, the specialist who will treat him, the bishop is still confined to his bed at the Hotel Remont, and will remain there until Sunday morning, before being removed to the hospital. Dr. Young is desirous of allowing the bishop a complete rest from his long journey before operating. The operation will be performed next week. In the meantime, the bishop is being denied the privilege of seeing any visitors, for he has many friends in Baltimore. The ailment from which he is suffering will necessitate a serious operation, and everything is now being done to allow the bishop to gather sufficient strength to stand the ordeal. Improvement in his condition cannot be possible until the surgeon's knife has been used, said the doctor.

**REAL ESTATE MAN HELD.**

Claimed Chicago Man Obtained \$50,000 Forged Mortgage.

Chicago.—Obtaining between \$40,000 and \$50,000 by means of forged mortgages is alleged by the police against Elmer C. Duensing, a Chicago real estate man. Duensing is said to have disappeared from his home on December 30 last. The police declared Duensing's method of operation was similar to that of Peter Van Vlissingen, now serving a term in prison for forgeries aggregating \$1,500,000.

**KILL ANTI-JAP RESOLUTION.**

Oregon Legislator Pleads for Re-enactment of Exclusion Act.

Salem, Ore.—Senator Bailey's anti-Japanese resolution was defeated in the senate Tuesday when the majority report of the resolutions committee was accepted. This was not accomplished, however, until after Bailey had argued for the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion act and for its broadening to include Japanese, Malays, Hindus and all other Asiatics.

## The Exceptional Equipment

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A knowledge of the above facts enables one to decline imitations or to return them if, upon viewing the package, the full name of the California Fig Syrup Co. is not found printed on the front thereof.

**"BOBBY" WAS SO NERVOUS.**  
He Was Not to Be Agitated, Even by "Percy, Dear."

It was moving day for the summer colony along the North shore of Massachusetts. On the morning train from Rockport, bearing many well-known Bostonians to their town houses for the winter, rode a stormy old gentleman from the west. At the crossing a family of three—father, mother and daughter—boarded the train, bearing respectively the family treasures: One pet poodle, one gray cat in a blue blanket, and one traveling clock in a much worn leather case. The party had no sooner found seats across from the westerner, than it became apparent that the excitement of boarding the train had caused a commotion among the pets. The cat was chided for talking aloud. "Calm yourself, Bobby," said his mistress. "Be yourself once more—we are now on our way home." Whereupon Bobby grew calm.

The poodle became restless in the company of his master on a seat in front and signified his yearning for Bobby's company by climbing up the back of the seat and casting goo-goo eyes at the Tabby. The sympathetic mistress understood at once and said: "You may come over here and sit with us, Percy, dear, on one condition—you must not agitate Bobby."

This was too much for the stormy westerner. With a loud snort he reared up, pawed his hand-grip from the rack above his head, and pranced into a coach ahead.

**BRINGING HIM OUT.**

Asker—How is it you never speak to Duffy? I'm sure he's a diamond in the rough.

Miss Trimm—Yes; I think so, too—that's why I'm cutting him.

**Easy Come, Easy Go.**

A passerby at Broad and Lombard streets in Philadelphia once heard the following dialogue between a laborer who was digging in a sewer and a stout, beaming lady with a capacious market basket on her arm:

"Ah, good mornin' to you, Pat," said she leaning over and looking into the pit. "And what are you doin'?"

"Good mornin', Bridget," he replied, looking up. "I'm a-searin' alimony for yees. And what are you doin'?"

"Sure, I'm a-spendin' it," replied Bridget airily, as she trotted off.—Lippincott's.

**Comfort Still.**

A little fellow of five years fell and cut his upper lip so badly that a doctor had to be summoned to sew up the wound. In her distress the mother could not refrain from saying: "Oh, doctor, I fear it will leave a disfiguring scar."

Tommy looked up into her tearful face, and said: "Never mind, mamma, my mustache will cover it."—Harper's Weekly.

**GOOD CHANGE**

Office to Postum.

The large army of persons who have found relief from many chronic ailments by changing from coffee to Postum as a daily beverage, is growing each day. It is only a simple question of trying it for oneself in order to know the joy of returning health as realized by an ill, young lady. She writes: "I had been a coffee drinker nearly all my life and it affected my stomach—caused insomnia and I was seldom without a headache. I had heard about Postum and how beneficial it was, so concluded to quit coffee and try it. "I was delighted with the change. I can now sleep well and seldom ever have headache. My stomach has gotten strong and I can eat without suffering afterwards. I think my whole system greatly benefited by Postum. "My brother also suffered from stomach trouble while he drank coffee, but now, since using Postum he feels so much better he would not go back to coffee for anything." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.